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**(700) Price Offerings Including Voice Rate Data
Data Collection Form**

FCC Form 481

OMB Control No. 3060-0985/OMB Control No. 3060-0819

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(710) Broadband Price Offerings
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(800) Operating Companies
Data Collection Form

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| <810> | Reporting Carrier | Hill Country Telephone Cooperative, Inc. |
| <811> | Holding Company | Not Applicable |
| <812> | Operating Company | Hill Country Telephone Cooperative, Inc. |

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Hill Country Telephone Cooperative, Inc.**Study Area Code: 442086****Rates, Terms and Conditions for Lifeline Service****(Response to Form 481, Line 1210)**

Local exchange service rates and charges as specified below are for basic local exchange service (R-1) and a basic bundle that includes basic local service, call waiting, caller ID, and call forwarding busy and no answer. Both rates include charges for facilities. The rates for other ancillary services not specifically shown below are presented in Hill Country Telephone Cooperative's tariff(s) on file with the Public Utility Commission of Texas. Unless otherwise specified, the rates and charges quoted below are for a period of one month, payable in advance and provide unlimited flat rate calling within the local exchange calling scope.

Residential Local Exchange Access Line Rates:^{1 2}

| Exchange Name | R-1 Rate | Bundle w/Basic Local Svc. |
|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| Center Point | \$19.50 | \$ 21.80 |
| Comfort | \$16.00 | \$ 18.30 |
| Doss | \$16.00 | \$ 18.30 |
| Fredonia | \$16.00 | \$ 18.30 |
| Frio Canyon | \$17.74 | \$ 20.04 |
| Garven Store | \$16.00 | \$ 18.30 |
| Hunt | \$16.00 | \$ 18.30 |
| Ingram | \$16.00 | \$ 18.30 |
| Katemcy | \$16.00 | \$ 18.30 |
| Medina | \$16.00 | \$ 18.30 |
| Mountain Home | \$16.00 | \$ 18.30 |
| Pontotoc | \$16.00 | \$ 18.30 |
| Sisterdale | \$16.00 | \$ 18.30 |
| Streeter | \$16.00 | \$ 18.30 |
| Tarpley | \$16.00 | \$ 18.30 |

¹ Above listed fees do not include mandatory taxes, fees and surcharges, including, but not limited to Texas Universal Service Fund charges, 9-1-1 fees, and municipal franchise fees.

² Qualified Lifeline customers are eligible for Lifeline credits or discounts as outlined in the attached Lifeline tariff.

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General Exchange Tariff

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LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

IV. LIFELINE PROGRAM

A. General

1. Lifeline Service is a retail local service offering sponsored by the FCC and available to qualifying low-income consumers.
2. Consumers qualifying for Lifeline Service are offered the services or functionalities enumerated in 47 Code of Federal Regulations §54.101(a) (relating to Supported Services for Rural, Insular and High Cost Areas).
3. The Cooperative shall offer toll denial at no charge to all qualifying low-income consumers at the time such consumers subscribe to Lifeline Service. If the consumer elects to receive toll denial, that service shall become part of the consumer's Lifeline Service.
4. A customer otherwise eligible to receive the Lifeline Service shall not be prohibited from obtaining and using telecommunication equipment and services designed to aid such customer in utilizing qualifying telecommunication services.
5. Lifeline Service rate reductions only apply to basic service and do not apply to long distance service, 976 and other information provider services, or any other optional services or functionalities which may or may not be tariffed. Customers may subscribe to non-basic and bundled services, where available and at their discretion, although the Lifeline Service reduction will only apply to the basic service portion of a bundled service.
6. The Lifeline Service rate reductions do not apply to service connection charges. Customers eligible for the Tribal Lands Link Up program may receive a reduction in applicable service connection charges as set forth in Section 6 of this tariff.

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IV. LIFELINE PROGRAM (Continued)

A. General (Continued)

7. Lifeline Service will not be available on a retroactive basis except as directed by LIDA or the Commission.
8. The Cooperative will waive monthly number portability charges, subject to the tariff, for Lifeline customers.

B. Eligibility Requirements

1. The discounted service will be provided for one (1) residential telephone line per household, at the subscriber's principal place of residence.
2. The applicant must certify that their annual household income is at or below 150% of the federal poverty guidelines, be an eligible resident of Tribal lands, or participate in, or have a person or child who resides in the customer household who participates in a program identified in Chapter 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations § 54.409 and in P.U.C. Substantive Rule 26.412 regarding consumer qualification for Lifeline.

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LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

IV. LIFELINE PROGRAM (Continued)

B. Eligibility Requirements (Continued)

3. Procedures for Establishing Lifeline Discounts

- a. Consumers within the Cooperative's service area identified as eligible for Lifeline Service by the LIDA through the automatic enrollment process under Commission Substantive Rule 26.412, shall be provided Lifeline Service discounts, unless the Cooperative receives a customer request to be excluded from such discounts.
- b. Consumers who are eligible for Lifeline Service but who do not have telephone service at the time the LIDA provides its eligibility list to the Cooperative are responsible for contacting the Cooperative and initiating a request for service. Customers eligible for Lifeline Service may also be eligible for reduced connection charges under the Link Up program, as found in Section 6 of this tariff.
- c. The LIDA shall provide the Cooperative with a monthly list of consumers eligible for Lifeline Service.
- d. Consumers who do not participate in one of the designated programs but who meet annual income qualifications by having an annual household income at or below 150% of the federal poverty guidelines, may establish eligibility for Lifeline Service by contacting the LIDA.

4. Provision of Service

- a. The Cooperative shall provide Lifeline Service to all eligible consumers identified by the LIDA within its service area if the consumer is a customer of the Cooperative. Within 30 days after receipt of the list or receipt of customer affidavit, the Cooperative shall begin reduced billing for those eligible low-income consumers subscribing to qualifying services.

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B. Eligibility Requirements (Continued)

4. Provision of Service (Continued)

- b. The Cooperative will discontinue Lifeline Service discounts upon notice by the LIDA that a customer is no longer eligible.
- c. The Cooperative has provided a confidentiality agreement to the LIDA specifying the use of confidential client information is solely for providing Lifeline Service.

C. Deposits

The deposit requirements will be waived for Lifeline Service applicants who voluntarily elect to subscribe to Toll Denial Service.

D. Lifeline Service Discounts

- 1. Eligible consumers who subscribe to Lifeline Service will receive the following discounts; however, the combined discounts shall not result in a rate of less than zero charged for the customer's basic service.
 - a. Federal Lifeline support amount. The Cooperative shall grant qualifying low-income consumers support of \$9.25 per month or an amount directed by the Federal Communications Commission in Chapter 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations regarding Lifeline support.
 - b. State reduction. The Cooperative shall grant qualifying low-income consumers the state-approved reduction of up to \$3.50 in the monthly amount of intrastate charges due.
 - c. Area discount. At such date the Cooperative increases its residential basic network service rate, the Cooperative shall give qualifying Lifeline customers an area discount composed of up to 25% of the rate increase amount, consistent with P.U.C. Subst. R. 26.412(f)(1)(E)(i-ii). The area discount is \$0.50.

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IV. LIFELINE PROGRAM (Continued)

E. Service Charges

1. Service charges do not apply when eligible customers with existing residential service convert to Lifeline Service.
2. Service charges apply when:
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 - b. A customer receiving Lifeline Service voluntarily elects to convert to telephone service arrangements, which preclude Lifeline Service eligibility.
 - c. New residential applicants (those without existing local exchange access service) eligible for the Lifeline Program will be subject to applicable service charges.
3. Any subsequent moves or changes after the initial connection to Lifeline Service will be subject to applicable service charges.

F. Payments and Disconnection of Service

1. The Cooperative may not disconnect Lifeline Service for nonpayment of toll charges.
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Response to Line 3010 – Milestone Certification (47 CFR §54.313(f)(1)(i))

Hill Country Telephone Cooperative, Inc. hereby certifies that throughout 2014, it took reasonable steps to provide upon reasonable request broadband service at actual speeds of at least 4 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream, and currently, it is taking reasonable steps to provide upon reasonable request actual speeds of at least 10 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream broadband service at with latency suitable for real-time applications, including Voice over Internet Protocol, and usage capacity that is reasonably comparable to comparable offerings in urban areas and that requests for such service are met within a reasonable amount of time. If a request for broadband service at actual speeds of at least 10 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream is unreasonable, and offering broadband service at actual speeds of at least 4 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream is reasonable, the Company offers broadband service at actual speeds of at least 4 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream.

Hill Country Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (SAC 442086)

**Response to Line 3012 - List of Community Anchor Institutions to Which the ETC Newly
Began Providing Service**

The FCC's *USF/ICC Transformation Order* requires a listing of community anchor institutions¹ to which the ETC newly began providing broadband service. In 2014, as Appendix C to its original Five-Year Network Improvement Plan, Hill Country Telephone Cooperative, Inc. ("HCTC") provided a list of all community anchor institutions to which it provided broadband service. Since that time, HCTC has not begun providing any additional community anchor institutions with access to broadband service. Therefore, for calendar year 2014, HCTC has no additional community anchor institution information to report.

¹ The FCC has defined community anchor institutions in Section 54.5 of its Rules as "schools, libraries, health care providers, community colleges, other institutions of higher education, and other community support organizations and entities."

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ATTACHMENT - LINE 3026

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